

While reviewing the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160, please considering the following: I live in Seattle and while there are no shortage of radio stations in the area, most of them are unlistenable because the programming is so bad. It seems as though most of the local stations are owned by just a few of the broadcasting giants. Since I started listening to satellite radio a few months ago, I have been wildy impressed with how high the quality of radio can be.

It comes as no surprise to me that the corporations that own our local radio stations are now petitioning to limit the scope of satellite radio. Please decline petition 04-160. If local radio stations want my listenership, they should improve their programming, not limit the programming of others.

Thank you for your consideration,

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